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In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

GLOBAL NOTES AND STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS, METHODOLOGY AND DISCLAIMERS REGARDING POST-CONFIRMATION QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 20230930-DK-BUTTERFLY-1, INC. (f/k/a/BED BATH & BEYOND INC.) FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

20230930-DK-Butterfly-1, Inc. (f/k/a/ Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.)(Case No. 23-13359), the lead debtor ("<u>Lead Debtor</u>") of the 74 entities that filed voluntary petitions on April 23, 2023 (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")² initiating cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"), has filed the attached post-confirmation report (the "<u>PCR</u>") for the quarter October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (the "<u>Reporting Period</u>"). Michael Goldberg, solely in his capacity as the Plan Administrator to 20230930-DK-Butterfly-1, Inc. (f/k/a/ Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.) and affiliated debtors (the "<u>Plan Administrator</u>") prepared the PCR with the assistance of

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The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby.

² Pursuant to the *Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.*, which was filed with the State of New York Department of State on September 21, 2023, the name of the entity formerly known as "Bed Bath & Beyond Inc." was changed to *20230930-DK-Butterfly, Inc.* [Filing ID No. 230921001833 DOS ID 315602].

and reliance on his advisors, his professionals and certain of the Debtors' retained employees.³ The PCR was prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the post-confirmation quarterly reporting requirements established by the United States Trustee Program (see https://www.justice.gov/ust/chapter-11-operating-reports). The PCR should not be relied upon by any persons for any information concerning current or future financial conditions or events relating to the Debtors or their estates.

The financial information contained in the PCR is preliminary, unaudited, limited in scope, and is not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America nor in accordance with other applicable non-bankruptcy law. In preparing the PCR, the Plan Administrator relied on financial data from the limited books and records of the Debtors available to him during the preparation of the PCR, as well as certain filings on the docket in the Chapter 11 Cases. Although the Plan Administrator made commercially reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the PCR, inadvertent errors or omissions may exist. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to amend and supplement the PCR as may be necessary or appropriate.

Part I: Summary of Post-Confirmation Transfers

1. Cash Disbursements: For the purpose of determining "disbursements," the Plan Administrator has excluded disbursements made from funds on which the Debtors previously paid quarterly fees to the Office of the United States Trustee (the "OUST"). Pursuant to the Plan and Confirmation Order, on or about September 29, 2023, the Plan Administrator is informed and believes that the Lead Debtor transferred \$11,087,699.25 (the "Fee Reserve Funds") to an account controlled by the Debtors' former bankruptcy counsel Kirkland & Ellis ("K&E") to hold reserves for professional fees and expenses (the "Professional Fee Reserve"). The transfer of the Fee Reserve Funds was reflected as a disbursement on the Lead Debtor's final monthly operating statement for September 2023.⁵

Because the Lead Debtor already satisfied the United States Trustee fees ("<u>UST Fees</u>") allocable to the Fee Reserve Funds at the statutory maximum amount of \$250,000, the Plan Administrator will not pay UST Fees on Fee Reserve Funds when they are further disbursed to Professionals to prevent paying UST Fees on those funds a second time. As is summarized below in Part 2, the Plan Administrator is informed and believes that K&E distributed \$7,604,356 from the Fee Reserve Funds to Professionals during the Reporting Period.

³ The Plan Administrator was appointed pursuant to the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. 2160] (as amended, the "Plan"), which was confirmed on September 14, 2023. See Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order (I) Approving the Disclosure Statement on a Final Basis and (II) Confirming the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. 2172] (the "Confirmation Order"). On September 29, 2023, the effective date of the Plan occurred (the "Effective Date"). As of the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator is authorized to implement the Plan and any applicable orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

The Plan Administrator and his agents, employees, advisors, attorneys, and other professionals, as applicable, do not guarantee or warrant the accuracy or completeness of the data that is provided in this PCR.

⁵ See Docket No. 2532, page 2.

In addition, the Plan Administrator has generally excluded from "cash disbursements" the following categories: intercompany transfers, OUST Fees paid for prior quarters, proceeds of irrevocable standby letters of credit which were transferred from issuers to beneficiaries, and returns of deposits to losing bidders for the Debtors' assets.

- 2. **Non-Cash Securities Transferred**: The Plan Administrator did not transfer any non-cash securities (e.g., stocks or bonds) during the Reporting Period.
- 3. **Other Non-Cash Property Transferred**: The Plan Administrator did not transfer any other non-cash property (e.g., real estate or personal property) during the Reporting Period.

Part II: Preconfirmation Professional Fees and Expenses:

Part 2(a): Other than as disclosed in Part 2(a), the Plan Administrator did not make any payments to the Debtors' and/or the Committees' bankruptcy professionals on account of preconfirmation fees and expenses during the Reporting Period. The Plan Administrator is informed and believes, however, that K&E made payments to professionals on account of preconfirmation fees and expenses (bankruptcy) as detailed below from the Fee Reserve Funds during the Reporting Period. K&E disburses the funds and maintains the records with respect to the Fee Reserve Funds and the Professional Fee Reserve. Accordingly, the Plan Administrator has relied on the information provided by K&E to disclose the disbursements from the Fee Reserve Funds below.

Preconfirmation Fees & Expenses (bankruptcy) Incurred By or on Behalf of the Debtor and Paid from the Fee Reserve Funds										
	Firm Name	Role	Approved	Approved	Paid Current	Paid				
			Current	Cumulative	Quarter	Cumulative				
			Quarter							
Prof	essional fees and expenses (
incu	incurred by or on behalf of the debtor									
Aggregate Total			\$7,306,204	\$26,114,259	\$7,306,204	\$26,114,259				
i	Kroll Restructuring Administration	Other	209,971	4,846,374	209,971	4,846,374				
ii	Kirkland & Ellis	Lead Counsel	4,588,236	13,721,266	4,588,236	13,721,266				
iii	Cole Schotz P.C.	Lead Counsel	201,175	1,627,330	201,175	1,627,330				
iv	Alvarez & Marshal	Other	1,362,619	3,260,001	1,362,619	3,260,001				
	LLC									
V	Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones	Lead Counsel	944,203	2,659,288	944,203	2,659,288				

Part 2(b): Other than as disclosed in Part 2(b), the Plan Administrator did not make any payments to the Debtors' nonbankruptcy professionals on account of preconfirmation fees and expenses during the Reporting Period. The Plan Administrator is informed and believes, however, that K&E made payments to professionals on account of pre-confirmation fees and expenses (nonbankruptcy) as detailed below from the Fee Reserve Funds during the Reporting

Period. K&E disburses the funds and maintains the records with respect to the Fee Reserve Funds and the Professional Fee Reserve. Accordingly, the Plan Administrator has relied on the information provided by K&E to disclose the disbursements from the Fee Reserve Funds below.

Preconfirmation Fees & Expenses (nonbankruptcy) Incurred By or on Behalf of the Debtor and Paid from the Fee Reserve Funds										
	Firm Name	Role	Approved	Approved	Paid Current	Paid				
			Current	Cumulative	Quarter	Cumulative				
			Quarter							
	essional fees and expens rred by or on behalf of the									
Aggregate Total			\$298,152	\$298,152	\$298,152	\$298,152				
i	Perkins & Coie	Legal Counsel	26,840	26,840	26,840	26,840				
ii	Ask LLC	Other	91,280	91,280	91,280	91,280				
iii	Gibbon P.C.	Other	180.032	180,032	180,032	180,032				

Part III: Recoveries to Holders of Claims and Interests Under Confirmed Plan:

"Total Anticipated Payments Under Plan" are unknown at this time and will depend on, among other factors: (i) continuing claims reconciliation efforts and the resultant final allowed amount of such claims; (ii) the amount of collected receipts from litigation and liquidation of other miscellaneous assets; and (iii) the duration of the wind-down process and the resulting cumulative operating expenses of the estates. Accordingly, a figure of "\$0" has been entered in the PCR in the columns "Total Anticipated Payments Under Plan," although all distributions made during the current Reporting Period and on a cumulative basis are listed in Part 3.

The claims reconciliation process is ongoing and the Plan Administrator is not able to determine at this time the total amount of claims that will be allowed. As such, reporting with respect to the anticipated total amount of "Allowed Claims" of all priority levels (or administrative or general unsecured levels) is not presently possible. Reported in Part 3 of the PCR under the heading "Allowed Claims" is information regarding claims (i) that are allowed and not subject to further objection and (ii) as to which distributions were sent prior to the close of the Reporting Period. Claims that are currently disputed or that have not yet been reconciled, or whose holders have not provided requested tax identification documentation, are not reflected in the PCR as Allowed Claims or otherwise and, therefore, the final Allowed Claims pool likely will be higher than as reflected herein. As and when disputed claims (including unreconciled claims) become allowed, they will be added to the Allowed Claims total. Pursuant to the Plan, no distributions will be made on account of equity interests.

Part 3(a) Administrative Claims: Amounts listed as "Paid Current Quarter" reflect payments made to cure defaults as a condition to the assumption and assignment of certain the Debtors' commercial leases.

Part 3(b) Secured Claims: Amounts listed as "Paid Current Quarter" reflect payments of principal and interest to secured creditor Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc, (6th Street").

Part IV: Questionnaire:

The Plan Administrator cannot currently anticipate, with any degree of certainty, when he will file an application for a Final Decree closing the Chapter 11 Cases. Accordingly, the date of December 31, 2026 is being used merely a placeholder. The actual date of filing an application for a Final Decree depends on many factors, including but not limited to the duration of litigation and other asset collection and liquidation efforts, and the resolution and reconciliation of claims and the wind down process. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to amend or extend this tentative projected date.